

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for tethering a child to an adult, comprising:
 - a backpack, sized to fit a child, having a top, an inside and an outside;
 - a tether in communication with said backpack; and
 - a retracting mechanism in communication with said tether; and
 - a flat wrist loop, sized to fit the wrist of an adult, in communication with said tether.
2. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism at a first end of said tether.
3. CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of claim 1, further comprising wherein said flat wrist a loop is at a first end of said tether.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of claim 1, further comprising wherein said flat wrist a loop and a locking mechanism is at a first end of said tether.
5. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 1, wherein said backpack has shoulder straps.
6. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 5, wherein said shoulder straps are disposed at the top of said backpack.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~Turning to Figure 2, an enhanced view of the steel grommet (20), showing the retractable tether (10), with the flat wrist loop (90) attached. The flat wrist loop (90) has many functions; it can be used to attach the retractable tether (10) to belt loops, briefcases, pocketbooks, baby strollers, shopping carts, and other device in the control of the parent. The flat wrist loop (90) can be easily slipped over the hand onto the wrist of the parent. These features allow the parent to maintain control of the young child and still have the use of both their hands. The flat wrist loop (90) can be adjusted by using the securing mechanism, preferably a squeeze buckle (80) so that the loop can be made to fit snugly around the parents wrist, or any of the aforementioned items. The squeeze buckle (80) has two parts, a male side and a female side, which are joined to secure the loop. The device of claim 5, wherein said shoulder straps are adjustable in length.~~

8. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 5, further comprising a first securing mechanism in communication with said shoulder straps.

9. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 8, wherein said first securing mechanism fastens said shoulder straps to one another.

10. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 8, wherein said fastening mechanism locks.

11. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 1, further comprising a second securing mechanism in communication with said backpack.

12. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 11, wherein said second securing mechanism is a strap.

13. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 11, wherein said strap locks.

14. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 11, wherein said second securing mechanism is disposed at the mid area of said backpack.

15. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 11, wherein said second securing mechanism is adjustable.

16. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 1, further comprising an identification window.

17. (ORIGINAL) The device of claim 16, wherein said identification window is disposed on the outside top portion of said backpack.